

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the Sequence Listing and replace it with the Substitute Sequence Listing provided herewith by inserting it after the last page of the specification.

Please replace paragraph [00039] at page 11, lines 1-4, with the following paragraph.

**[00039]** FIGURES 24A-B depict a schematic diagram of a compact synthetic vector (Panel A) that employs the tRNA Valine promoter to regulate the expression of a functional RNA molecule shown in schematic form (SEQ ID NO:51) (Panel B) that is ultimately processed by RNase III to generate a siRNA molecule specific for eGFP (SEQ ID NO:40);

Please replace paragraph [00040] at page 11, lines 5-8, with the following paragraph.

**[00040]** FIGURES 25A-B depict a schematic diagram of a compact synthetic vector (Panel A) that employs the human 87U6 internal promoter to regulate the expression of a functional RNA molecule shown in schematic form (SEQ ID NO: 52) (Panel B) that is ultimately processed by RNase III to generate a siRNA molecule specific for eGFP (SEQ ID NO:46);